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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN DEFENSE OFFICIAL TO VISIT SOVIET UNION

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1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY HOLST INFORMED US MAY 2ND THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOW ISSUED HIM AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT THE USSR. THE FORMAL INVITATION IS A FOLLOWUP TO THE ONE ISSUED BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV DURING HIS JANUARY VISIT TO OSLO (REFTEL). HOLST STATED THAT THE SOVIET INVITATION SPECIFIED THAT HE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY "FIVE ARMY OFFICERS" AND ASKED HIM TO SUGGEST A TIME CONVENIENT TO HIM FOR THE VISIT. NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF THE ITINERARY THOUGH THE SOVIETS INDICATED IT WOULD BE A SIX DAY VISIT.

2. HOLST TELLS US THAT HE INTENDS TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND HAS TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT AUGUST WOULD BE A CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE VISIT. HE HAS ALSO INFORMED THE SOVIETS THAT HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
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AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE NORWEGIAN MILITARY (PROBABLY INCLUDING AN ARMY GENERAL FROM THE NORWEGIAN NORTHERN COMMAND IN BODO).

3. AS AN ASIDE HOLST INDICATED THAT THE CHINESE, TOO, HAVE INVITED HIM TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT. THEY HAVE SEPARATELY INVITED THE NORWEGIAN CHIEF OF DEFENSE HAMRE. NO ACTION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON THESE INVITATIONS THOUGH HOLST FEELS

THAT AFTER HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW IN AUGUST IT MAY BE POSSIBLE
TO ACCEPT THEM.
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